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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO

December 29, 1930.

Dear Mr. Schweinfurth:

I thank you for returning the three plants sent with your letter of December 10. Just how they happened to be included with the orchids is a mystery, for I sorted out the groups myself.

With regard to the Berlin orchids I have written to Macbride, asking him to do the best he can in the matter of getting them on loan. From what he has told me, I am not at all sanguine of success. My impression, derived from Macbride's letters, is that Mansfeld--if it is he who has them in charge--is very jealous of the South American orchid collections, and is determined to let no one but himself work with them. This impression may be an altogether an erroneous one.

I think it might work best, perhaps, if Professor Ames would write to Dr. Diels, inquiring whether the specimens could not be lent. I should think they would welcome the opportunity of having their material named, but then they do seem to have at Berlin complete confidence in their own ability, too often, I think, without any very substantial basis of fact.

I should be glad to write myself to Dr. Diels, but I do not wish to do so unless I am sure no harm will be done thereby. They have been most kind in sending here all their unnamed American Rubiaceae, but that is because no one at Berlin takes an interest in them at present.

If you or Professor Ames have any further suggestions as to what I might do to help along the matter, you may be sure I shall be glad to do whatever you may suggest.

Very truly yours,

*Paul C. Standley*  
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